

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana State Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **4.739 Ha** (revised from 4.971 Ha) of forest land in Armoor Forest Division for widening of single lane to double lane road for connecting Mandal Head Quarter to District Head Quarter-for Sirikonda – Vemulawada road from km.0/0 to 20/5 of Nizamabad District in favour of EE, R&B Division, Nizamabad.- Final (**Stage.II**) approval accorded – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 16

Dated: 16-03-2024
Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd, Ref.No.4157/2016/FCA.1,
Dated:14.12.2021.
- 2.Govt. Lr.No.4621/For.I(1)/2021, Dt.24.01.2022.
- 3.From Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI,
MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, F.No.4-TSB246/2022-HYD/421, Dt.05.04.2022.
- 4.From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd. Ref.No. FC1/FC03/22/2022(i) Dated:13.04.2023.
- 5.Govt. Letter. No.4621/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:29.09.2023.
- 6.From the Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI,MoEF&CC,
Sub Office(RO, Chennai) Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSB246/2022-HYD/863, Dt.04.12.2023.

O R D E R

In the letter 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **4.739 Ha** (revised from 4.971 Ha) of forest land in Armoor Forest Division for widening of single lane to double lane road for connecting Mandal Head Quarter to District Head Quarter-for Sirikonda – Vemulawada road from km.0/0 to 20/5 of Nizamabad District in favour of EE, R&B Division, Nizamabad.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub Office(RO, Chennai) Hyderabad for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **4.739 Ha** (revised from 4.971 Ha) of forest land in Armoor Forest Division for widening of single lane to double lane road for connecting Mandal Head Quarter to District Head Quarter-for Sirikonda –Vemulawada road from km.0/0 to 20/5 of Nizamabad District in favour of EE, R&B Division, Nizamabad, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

- ii. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.
- iii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the DFO from the money already realized form the User Agency and report compliance. The breaking up of forest land for road widening shall commence only after the demarcation is completed.
- iv. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained for 10 years by the Forest Department over an area 4.971 Ha of Non-Forest Land (NFL) within the 16.1878 Ha(identified in lieu of three projects) in Sy.No.360 of Kosli(V) Navipet(M) of Nizamabad District at the cost of the User Agency and the entire non-forest land identified shall be fenced as proposed.
- v. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation & its maintenance over an extent of 4.5 ha(1111 plants/ha as proposed)degraded forest area identified in Compt.No.99 in Sunket RF, Bheemgal beat & section, kammarpally Range of Nizamabad division, at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- vi. The identified Non-Forest Land for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and same shall be notified as RF/PF by the State Government within 6 Months from the date of issue of Stage-II approval and report compliance.
- vii. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department. The resultant forest produce shall be disposed and revenue realized as per the prescribed procedure in vogue in the state of Telangana.
- viii. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- ix. User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms, wherever feasible.
- x. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.
- xi. The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass in Protected Area/Forest Area as per recommendations of CWLW/NBWL/FAC/REC/State Forest Department.
- xii. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection)Act, 1986, if applicable.
- xiii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- xiv. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

- xv. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- xvi. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xvii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- xviii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt.of India.
- xix. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the applicable Act/Rules/MoEF&CC Guidelines.
- xx. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & Wildlife.

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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The Regional Office(SEZ),
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The Inspector General of Forests(C),Subofffce, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad,
Regional Office, Chennai,6th Floor, Aranya bhavan, Hyderabad.

The Executive Engineer, O/o.Superintending Engineer, Roads and Buildings Department, R&B Circle, Near Railway Station,
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